Police dispersal at Edinburgh Place

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

At around 5pm today (December 22), Police arrested a person near Edinburgh Place, Central where a public meeting was being held. During the arrest, protestors hurled miscellaneous objects at and assaulted police officers with intent to help the arrestee escape. In face of the serious threat to the safety of everyone at scene and public order, Police officers are deploying minimum necessary force to disperse the protestors.

Police strongly condemn the violent acts. Police appeal to members of the public to leave immediately and avoid travelling to the area.